

November 02, 2015

PRESENT: Rick Griffin, Chairman
Rusty Bridle, Vice-Chairman
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Selectman
Phil Bean, Selectman
Jim Waddell, Selectman
Frederick Welch, Town Manager

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I. Public Comment Period (5:55)

Corinne Baker, 244 Exeter Road: 4% tax increase; Selectman Griffin stated that the Town passed warrant articles not the Selectmen; 38 warrant articles had recommendations of yes from the Selectmen, commented that voters rely on the Selectmen when they recommend warrant articles; read a statement of the Rational Taxpayers concerning warrant articles; questioned why some agencies are in the Human services Article.

Stanley Babulas, 72 Dearborn Avenue: here to show support for Katie & David Pinto; traffic on Dearborn is heavy; wants to know what can be done to relieve the traffic.

II. Announcements and Community Calendar (10:38)

Selectman Waddell: the pathway that was renovated by Experience Hampton with support from Town Departments between the Municipal Parking lot and downtown area is beautiful and they did a great job. Road from Portsmouth to Hampton on the Rails to Trails.

Selectman Woolsey: SAU90 is holding a public forum tomorrow night to rehab Hampton Academy; Tuck Museum opening; as your Representative to the Conservation Commission I have been blown away by two Eagle Scout candidates Charlie Gasperoni and Jordan Kauser, who are working on projects for the Town and amazing to see such remarkable young people.

III. Consent Agenda (14:08)

1. Hampton Cemetery Deeds: Ann M. Donahue; W. Robert & Lorraine O. Wysocki
2. Release of Welfare Lien – 79 Leavitt Road

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to move the Consent Agenda SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

VOTE: 5-0-0

IV. Appointments (14:25)

1. Chief Ayotte, Fire Department
 - a. Departmental Update

Chief Ayotte: we are very busy on the fire side of the house, we have had 1,890 calls for service year to date, this total is 150 more than the calls we had last year at this time. Significant fire in October on Ocean Boulevard no injuries; EMS side we are seeing similar pattern we transported 1,365 patients which is 49 more than last year. In October, Fire Prevention Week was held and was a great success; we also hosted an open house last month. Fire Prevention side of the house we have completed all inspections for the year; issued all permits and none are due until January. Fees have been generated total \$15,547.50, which amounts to \$15,072.50 received after the rate change that deployed on February 2015; the total fees last year were \$4,575.

Selectman Bridle: the Fire Prevention week was very well done.

Selectman Woolsey: thank you for your courtesy in giving me a detailed explanation on the ambulance fees, write offs and charge backs; was very reassured after our conversation; you do a great job.

Selectman Bean: great job

Selectman Waddell: great job; the heroin thing worries me; you said we have the same number as last year, so you do not see an increase. Chief Ayotte: we have not, we are seeing an even keel right now; seven deaths were associated with that in this Town; our administration of Narcan has remained level; 294 deaths due to heroin in NH.

Selectman Waddell: are you working with the schools and police on a presentation? Chief Ayotte: we have not started that yet, my goal is to have an open forum with the public.

Chairman Griffin: I talked with many people from other Towns and they seem to think that Hampton is a hot bed for heroin, but I have told them that has not been the case here.

b. Warrant Articles

Chief Ayotte: I have 11 warrant articles.

- (1). Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Filling Station; the one we have is circa 1987; new one would cost \$50,000.
- (2). Radio System Upgrade (FDDA); replace all four lines; total cost would be \$9,000
- (3). Replace two Fire Command Vehicles; total cost \$90,000 at State bid pricing
- (4). Live Fire Training; simulates real fire scenarios; total cost \$22,000
- (5). Replace Fire Turnout Gear; \$18,000 for six sets
- (6). Replace Fire Department Phone System; total cost \$27,000
- (7). Fire Prevention Secretary become full time; total cost \$45,365
- (8). Fire Inspector; total cost \$82,010
- (9). Ice Rescue Equipment; total cost \$8,000
- (10). Fire Inspector Vehicle; total cost \$40,000 at State bid pricing
- (11). Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund; total cost \$100,000

Town Manager Welch: There are a number of accounts suggested that should be either eliminated such as the Fire Inspector's vehicle that vehicle is currently being used over at EMS and should be returned as the EMS has funds for a small pick-up my suggestion is to kill the warrant article. Fire Inspector and the Secretary are two different situations, as you know we

have had problems trying to keep up with inspections, has been requested a number of times, the Board should give it due consideration, this would be funded from taxes so it is an expense and is going to mount up to be \$109,346 a year. The full time fire inspection secretary, we have had a problem with ambulance calls and ambulance billings, and the Chief has tried to work out a system that this person could do both. I am recommending the Board fund the radio system upgrade for \$9,000, and come from the undesignated fund balance. Live fire training and suggest it come from surplus reserve. The two fire command vehicles, am recommending this and have it come from the surplus reserve. The phone system for \$27,000, the current system is not working properly; recommending that it come from surplus reserve. Replace fire turnout gear; recommending be funded from the undesignated fund balance. The self-contained breathing apparatus, this needs to be replaced; and am recommending to fund from surplus.

Chairman Griffin: glad to hear that you have some other ways to fund some of these.

Selectman Bridle: I can agree with the Town Manager that many of these things have come up year after year, and due to budgets, were not passed and so things are not being done. Why are the radio lines so important? Chief Ayotte: we have many places in Town that the radio does not work; the antennas have no height, anything in the way would affect the signal.

Selectman Bridle: we used to get a lot more time out of the fire gear. Chief Ayotte: still projecting 10 years for the gear to last. Selectman Bridle: what is the importance of washing it? Chief Ayotte: we are exposed to hazardous materials and toxins at fires; and the chemicals saturate the gear, which needs to be washed when we come back from a fire

Selectman Woolsey: what is with the undesignated fund balance and surplus reserve; are you talking about buying these things out of the surplus that is sitting there now and not putting in warrant articles; what do we have now? Town Manager Welch: about \$5,000,000

Selectman Woolsey: Oh, you are talking about the 2½% that the DRA is urging us to have; can we just draw on it; how do we draw on that? Town Manager Welch: there are three ways to draw funds from the surplus reserve; one is to appropriate it at Town Meeting; withdrawn from the Selectmen to establish funds to go into the tax rate; go through formal procedure of Selectmen, Budget Committee, DRA and whatever else DRA decides needs to be done. We have sufficient funds to spend approximately \$850,000 and still have sufficient funds to carry us forward with the 5%.

Selectman Woolsey: some of these are absolute musts; the turnout gear and SCBA and the phone system, and I am trying to figure out whether we should try to put some of that into the actual operating budget request. I got rid of the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund as nothing has been spent out of it since 1997.

Chairman Griffin: there needs to be a priority, and we will need to know what your priority is.

Chairman Bean: it is too expensive; the \$90,000 for the command vehicles is a given; no on the Capital Reserve Fund; no on the \$40,000 for the Fire Inspector vehicle; which whittles down 40% of \$500,000. Using that money from the surplus reserve as Mr. Welch mentioned is attractive.

Selectman Waddell: the safety stuff you need; need the ratio system; the phone system; live fire training; replacing the gear; support to setting up a new fund work proactively instead of reactively; work up a priority list that you absolutely need would help us.

Chairman Griffin: I think many things were put off as we were trying to get a new fire station; there needs to be a definite priority to these things; I think if you are more conservative, you will get more.

Selectman Woolsey: I did not say I was opposed to funding; I was puzzled to see that and I think that was the first time I have seen the option of drawing down on the unreserved, and that is money that we have already paid in, so that is a logical thing to do.

Selectman Bridle: Just so, it is clear this is not the first time we have heard about the surplus funds being used; when I made the motion two meetings ago, Fred had said he had \$850,000 that he wanted to use from surplus to deal with some of the warrant articles.

2. Carl McMorran, Aquarion Water (1:11:30)
 - a. Water Company Update

Mr. McMorran: through September delivered 649,000,000 gallons of water through 8,825 metered services; collected 272 water samples; have had only 7 unscheduled service interruptions due to breaks and frozen service lines back in February; replaced over 3,200' of main this year; replacing old equipment; we have projected to be under our proposed budget of \$1,500,000. Completed 34 projects so far this year with 10 more wrapping up; we replaced our phone system; also updated network abilities; put in 17 new service lines. Did 3 major projects at the beach; storm drain project in town; replaced 949' of old asbestos main and 15 water services; was budgeted for \$285,000 but did for \$178,000; 2 projects done on King's Highway, this project was over budget. Looking ahead to 2016, the Exeter Road tank is in need of rehabilitation; hope to implement monthly billing next year and main replacements.

Selectman Bridle: thank you for coming in, you do a good job; also need water on the west side of town.

Selectman Woolsey: how old is the Exeter Road tank? Mr. McMorran: it was put in 1982. Selectman Woolsey: do you have any plans to work with the Planning Board trying to expand the protection of the town wells. Mr. McMorran: they have a proposal for some revisions to the ordinances; what they have proposed is good and I am supporting that.

Selectman Bean: great brief, thanks for what you do.

Selectman Waddell: good brief, when you say that the water quality is safe drinking, is that a minimum quality. Mr. McMorran: that is, per EPA standard. Selectman Waddell: the supply is fine. Mr. McMorran: we are in good shape; if the Town keeps growing, we will have to look into finding new sources.

3. Catherine Pinto (1:29:29)
 - a. Moore Avenue and Dearborn Avenue

Catherine Pinto: here to discuss the traffic and safety problems at the corner of Dearborn and Moore Avenues; no posted speed limits on either street; area is used as a cut through to get to Route 1; so much traffic, no sidewalks and speeding cars; requesting that something be done for pedestrian safety.

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David Pinto: I see it all the time, when I cut my lawn I almost get hit.

Stanley Babulas: maybe post speed limits.

David Pinto: why can't Moore be a one way, it would cut down on traffic; just a matter of time before someone gets hurt; spoke with a lady and said the police gave out 87 tickets going through the stop sign in one day

Chairman Griffin: Fred, do you know about the 87 tickets? Town Manager Welch: that has not been reported.

Selectman Bridle: have we addressed this with the police department to look at it? Town Manager Welch: we have

Selectman Bridle: we have this problem all over town, we have small streets, and these are old country roads; it is a cut through to go to the lights.

Catherine Pinto: there are no signs that say no trucks?

Selectman Bridle: would need the safety committee to look into that; it is everybody's right in Town to be on a town road; if they are speeding and not stopping at the sign that should be addressed; the road is only 200' long.

David Pinto: why can't it become a one-way street, it would cut back on traffic; the homes are close to the street. Town Manager Welch: no matter what you do, it will increase the speed, as there is no oncoming traffic to slow them down; that is a common problem with one-way streets, they just go faster.

Chairman Griffin: we need to get a review from the police

Selectman Woolsey: is Dearborn Avenue posted for no thru trucks, most of the streets are posted; can we post cameras? Town Manager Welch: against the law, except on the interstate at the tollbooths

Selectman Woolsey: do the school buses stay on Dearborn, so the school buses are not going down Moore Avenue; can we do a 20mph sign in there? Town Manager Welch: no, the lowest is 25 mph; if the road is unposted, the maximum speed limit is 35 mph that is State law.

David Pinto: what about a vehicle counter? Town Manager Welch: we do not own one

Selectman Bean: you have purchased the property in a tough location for traffic; a lot of us live in places that thousands of cars go by every day. Looking for solutions to come to your assistance, put a sign, public works, police department; will get back to you; I am on Winnacunnet Road and know exactly what you are talking about.

Selectman Waddell: getting the police department to view the system down there

David Pinto: the problem is the light at Hannaford.

Chairman Griffin: thank you for coming in tonight, we will do what we can; when we get some guidance from the police department we will get back to you

V. Town Manager's Report (1:52:25)

1. The drainage work on High Street, Lafayette Road and Deport Square has been completed with the exception of a short punch list.

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2. The first day to file zoning petitions for the Annual Town Meeting is November 9, 2015 and the last day to file is December 9, 2015.
3. Warrant Article discussions will continue next week with all small Departments to be followed by the Department of Public Works on November 16, 2015
4. Yard waste collection (leaves, grass clippings, pine needles, etc.) starts November 16th through November 20th. Please place your yard waste to the curb on your regular trash collection day in biodegradable bags or loosely packed containers that can be dumped easily.
5. Those interested in submitting petition warrant articles for Town Meeting other than for zoning can submit anytime up to January 12, 2016 at 5PM in the Selectmen's Office.
6. I received a communication from our Congressman who has introduced an amendment to Affordable Care Act, which will eliminate the "Cadillac Tax" on municipalities and employees.
7. The Order issued by the US Security and Exchange Commission dealing with Mackensen & Company, who are our advisors for the funds invested through the trustees.
8. John Nyhan called to day to thank profusely all the departments in Town that helped with the redesign of the pedestrian pathway to Lafayette Road

Selectman Bridle: Just a comment on the drainage work; the businesses uptown appreciated they did the drainage work at night and how the DPW Deputy Director kept them well informed, they were very happy about that.

Selectman Woolsey: I really appreciated the updates from Jennifer Hale, DPW Deputy Director on the drainage work uptown.

Attorney Gearreald: there has been a Securities & Exchange Commission order issued on September 3, 2015, which found that Mackensen & Co. had violated the advisors act; a Federal Law in connection with its solicitation of potential municipal clients. From late 2010 into 2012, at which time they sent hundreds of form letters to the Trustees of Trust Funds held by NH municipalities, ours being one of them. The Trustees put the services of investment advisor out to bid in February 2011 and in April 2011 after 24 bids had been received, performed interviews and actually selected Mackensen & Co. The finding in this order was that Mackensen & Co. had distributed misleading performance advertisement to perspective clients and had violated willfully several sections of the Advisors Act. Because they did not inform the perspective clients that what they were showing them was a model portfolio that did not in fact exist; the portfolio was not in fact created until several months after they were selected. Therefore, what happened here is that the SEC censured both Mackensen & Co. and MCI and also imposed a \$100,000 fine to be paid, and ordered them to cease and desist from committing or causing any of these violations. About 29 communities utilize Mackensen & Co. as we do for investment advice. This order was September 3, 2015; I was not sure whether the Trustees of the Trust Fund even knew it, so I sent a copy of this to the Chairman Mr. Silberdick. Today he replied to me that they were well aware of it and had dealt with it at their last meeting, and referred me to the minutes of the meeting, which he provided me, the minutes were from the afternoon of October 19, 2015. That was the afternoon when the Trustees came before this Board in the evening of October 19, 2015, and did not mention this although the SEC required them to do that. I recommend to this Board be responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriate internal control procedures to insure the safeguarding of all town assets and

properties, that you ask the Trustees of the Trust Funds to take a relook at the vote they took, the afternoon before they met with this Board. The minutes reveal that they took a vote to reaffirm their relationship with Mackensen & Co. that afternoon, you weren't told about it, but that is a vote they took.

Chairman Griffin: are you saying you just found out about this today, because people around the Town have been talking about this for weeks; I knew about it when they were here.

Attorney Gearreald: yes, and I do want to add one other point, when you look at the minutes of their meeting they reveal that (the Chairman brought it up) that there had been many emails going back and forth on the subject, which they decided they would attach to their minutes as they recognize had a problem with conducting a meeting outside of the meeting by circulating emails, which are a violation of the Right to Know Law, even if the emails weren't responded to, the emails influenced the vote to reaffirm the relationship, which could be invalidated by a Court for conducting a meeting outside of a meeting through emails.

Selectman Waddell: I just found out about this last weekend; I would like to get the Trustees to come in and talk to us about this; we should ask them to relook at their vote; they were not informed of this right away by their advisor, and would have thought the advisor would have told them.

Selectman Bridle: Mr. Silberdick likes to talk about transparency all the time, they were here that very night that they reaffirmed their vote; it was not transparent that night. They have their rights to run the trust funds, but it is our ultimate right to make sure that we protect the assets of this town. We should make sure they relook at it and be fully transparent with it.

Selectman Woolsey: I did not know about it until this morning, it is scary.

Selectman Bean: I received a letter that had no return address on it, and it was a copy of the order, which I brought to Mr. Welch this morning. In looking back at the minutes from 2010, Warren Mackensen was a Trustee and was the Bookkeeper and he swayed the Trustees to use his firm and that generated a public perception of conflict of interest; several past Board members addressed this and eventually the Attorney General looked at that, and investigated and where the citizens of this Town found that there was an impropriety is sufficient. Now we have this, a very serious issue, a \$100,000 fine and censure to a former member of the Trustees. There is a shocking lack of transparency and minimizes the effect this issue. Chairman Silberdick in his draft A and his description of the decision to enter into an executive session to discuss Mackensen & Co.'s fine, it was not just a fine, it was a fine and censure by the SEC, his description lacks transparency. The point is integrity, the value of the product of an investment advisor is what he says to you and what he puts on paper and it did not meet professional grade, this issue has been on the Trustees horizon since January. Read from the order of September 3, 2015, the order includes serious charges against Mackensen & Co. and MCI of the actions they performed since 2010 and the entire order it is to be posted on the Mackensen website. Our responsibility is to make sure there are no additional violations.

Chairman Griffin: the Trustees do not seem to think they have to answer, they feel we are over reaching; how do they have to answer to us; are they responsible to let us know; I remember the instance of 2010; they were pretty convincing when they came in and pretty much told us to stay out of their business and that we have no rights to be in the business.

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Attorney Gearreald: By State law, the Trustees have custody of all trust funds held by the Town, and they are to, formally adopt an investment policy for all investments made by them or their agents, and filed with the Attorney General. The Selectmen being the governing body of the Town also has some responsibility; the Selectmen are responsible for establishing and maintaining the internal control procedures to ensure the safeguarding of all Town assets and properties. My suggestion is to; strongly suggest the Trustees reconsider their vote, especially in light of the fact that there appear to have a lot email communications outside of their meeting that didn't compile with the Right to Know Law.

Chairman Griffin: how can both sides be right? Attorney Gearreald: you have some overall responsibilities to bring things to light when you see things are wrong. Same as what was done in 2010 with the hiring of Mackensen & Co. without the bidding process. The order required Mackensen & Co. and MCI to inform their clients of the order, this Board has not received it, unsure as whether the Trustees have.

Chairman Griffin: do they have a responsibility to share this with us? Attorney Gearreald: I think so, given the magnitude of the investment, given your own position in State law.

Town manager Welsh: The Auditors will ask questions about this, and would not be surprised if the Town gets an adverse comment this year in the report, and it could cost the Town in Bonding and other things.

Selectman Waddell: We should have been informed, for transparency they should have been required to let us know of the order.

Selectman Bean MOTIONED the document under the Investment Advisors Act 1940 Release 4188 September 3, 2015 for Administrative Proceeding File No. 3-16780 in the matter of Mackensen & Co. Inc. and Warren J. Mackensen Respondents be posted on the Town Website SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chairman Griffin: I would suggest we invite them to come next week.

Selectman Bean: we through Town Counsel formally request a hard copy of the Form ADV each client was supposed to receive.

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to request under 91A for all the emails between any of the Trustees of the Trust Fund and between Mackensen & Co. dealing with this issue SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chairman Griffin MOTIONED to ask the Attorney General what our responsibilities regarding the Trust Fund SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 5-0-0

VI. Old Business (2:38:50)

1. Information request of the Budget Committee

Town Manager Welch: the budget committee has asked in compliance with your requirements to respond to their second set of questions from the IT Sub-Committee

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Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to approve the information request of the Budget Committee
SECONDED by Selectman Bean.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Bridle)

2. Vote on Approval or Disapproval of Police Department ~~and Fire Department~~ Warrant Article

(1). Mounted Patrol Truck at \$40,000

Town Manager Welch: the department has requested the replacement of the truck that moves around the Mounted Patrols at \$40,000; I did not recommend money be taken from surplus; this is a regular scheduled replacement that needs to be done; it could last one more year.

The Selectmen do not support this article, and it will be pulled.

(2). 18 body cameras for \$90,000

Town Manager Welch: 18 body cameras for \$90,000; if you are going to do this I would recommend it funded from the unexpended appropriation fund balance from prior years; and the Chief said this is one of those necessary items.

Selectman Waddell: this is one of those items that could save money in a lawsuit, but also an item coming up in many cases on privacy issues.

Town Manager Welch: the Chief said it has been instrumental in clearing or not clearing people, in one form or another.

Selectman Bridle: I have full faith in our officers, but I also know there are many people out there that try to do everything to push back; I think they are important for us to have. In favor, especially as the Town Manager said we could take out of the surplus.

Selectman Woolsey: This is a new function; I am not in favor of doing this at this time.

Selectman Bean: I support the warrant article.

Selectman Waddell: I will support it

Chairman Griffin: I am going against it

VOTE: 3-2-0

(3). Video Camera System in the Police Station

Town Manager Welch: the video camera system that is inside the Police Station, records the security areas, the system has reached the end of its life. The cost is \$80,000; recommend the money come from surplus.

The Selectmen support this article.

VOTE: 5-0-0

(4). Police Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund

Town Manager Welch: the Police Forfeiture Special Revenue Fund; it is federal money.

VOTE: 5-0-0

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(5). Police Tasers \$80,000

Town Manager Welch: purchase of Police Tasers \$80,000; recommend if you are going to do this you take it from the undesignated general fund balance; they are not lethal weapons, they are weapons that will incapacitate a person without breaking their bones or shooting them; non-lethal, they are replacement.

The Selectmen support this article.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Selectman Woolsey: Mr. Breen person on Babcock Avenue, can we respond to him? Town Manager Welch: I have yet to receive anything, if someone would send me a copy I would be happy to respond.

VII. New Business (2:51:40)

1. Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)
 - a. Wastewater Treatment Facility Generator Project

Town Manager Welch: this is a grant, which will afford us the opportunity to acquire \$100,000 towards the purchase of a generator at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to run the aeration system.

Selectman Woolsey MOTIONED that the Town of Hampton Board of Selectmen, in a majority vote, accepted the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as presented in the amount of \$100,000 for the purchase of a Generator. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$200,000, in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$100,000) SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. Bid 2015-023 Standby Generator
 - a. Purchasing Policy Waiver Section 718-4.B (2)

Town Manager Welch: we had put out a bid to replace the standby generator at Merrill Industrial Drive at the Pump Station; the bid was \$27,270, which is \$7,270 more then we estimated the cost.

Selectman Woolsey MOTIONED to Waive the Purchasing Policy Section 718-4.B (2) to contract with Power Technologies SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

3. Authorization to expend an additional \$7,270.00 from the Wastewater System Development Charge Fund (Sewer Access Fee Account) for WWTP Generator

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to Authorization to expend an additional \$7,270.00 from the Wastewater System Development Charge Fund (Sewer Access Fee Account) for WWTP Generator SECONDED by Selectman Woolsey.

VOTE: 5-0-0

4. Approval of Brazonic's request for an "Economic Revitalization Zone"

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Town Manager Welch: this is an incentive program, between the State and the business; they are looking to expand; no impact to the Town, funded through tax credits; and the State will give the money.

Selectman Waddell MOTIONED to Approve Brazonic's request for an "Economic Revitalization Zone" SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 4-1-0 (Woolsey)

5. Request to pick up Recycling at 68 King's Hwy "North Beach Condominiums"

Town Manager Welch: A man came in to visit and requested this action; there is nothing to prevent us from picking up the recycling.

Selectman Waddell: and they would bring this out to the street. Town Manager Welch: Yes, they would.

Selectman Bridle: the project was done in the mid-70s long before we were doing recycling, I think it benefits us to pick up the recycling, we do not pick up their trash, and as long as they bring it out to the public street.

Selectman Woolsey: totally opposed, you are opening Pandora's Box; they have the right to bring it to the Transfer Station.

Selectman Bean MOTIONED to approve the request to pick up Recycling at 68 King's Hwy "North Beach Condominiums" SECONDED by Selectman Bridle.

VOTE: 4-1-0 (Woolsey)

6. SAU 90 Request for the transfer of ownership of the "Arnold and Martel" properties

Town Manager Welch: I've met with the school department and one of the things they are thinking about in modernizing and renovating the Academy Building is to request to transfer the Arnold and Martel lots where the bus and school parking is; there are two lots on Academy Ave, the transferring of the two lots would require a warrant article, SAU 90 will be coming to meet with you to discuss this issue.

Selectman Woolsey: I would not touch this yet, it is very premature.

Selectman Bridle: it is very preliminary right now; glad it was brought up, on our radar; they have been using this property anyway; there are concerns about the parking lot and the Fire Department.

Other New Business

Selectman Woolsey: had a suggestion from a resident on Jonty's Lane's on the parking off Barbour Road, could DPW look at it. Town Manager Welch: yes

Selectman Woolsey: going back to last week's meeting on the request from the Budget Chairman on the excel spreadsheet.

Selectman Waddell: why are you bring this up again, this is beating a dead horse.

Selectman Woolsey MOTIONED to cut a check for \$50 plus interest to Mike Pierce SECONDED by

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Town Manager Welch: the entire Budget Committee did not ask for this material last year; we do not by law have to make up special accounting system for anyone, anytime; it took extra effort on our part to tie up employees time during the day in order to get this done. Mr. Pierce wanted this information last year exactly as it was on the computer, which meant to me would allow anybody could gain access to any of our accounts and if they manipulated the system correctly they could even get into payroll; so my answer was no, as I am responsible to safeguard the Town's property and their computer system. It is a different situation than last year where we had an individual who was coming in here on a regular basis requesting this information, even after we said no kept coming back, that request was different from this year. We gave the information and we had to spend a lot of time doing that, making copies of the information.

Selectman Woolsey: is this something we can continue to do in the future? Town Manager Welch: if you vote it, we will do it.

Selectman Woolsey withdrew her motion.

VIII. Closing Comments (3:14:10)

Selectman Waddell: we have talked about transparency a lot this evening; and the public comment on last year warrant articles and why they were passed, and it was because they had the approval of the Selectmen; I would not insult the voters of Hampton to say that they simply go into the voting booth, look at what the Selectmen say and then vote for it. I would imagine that the voter's look at the warrant articles and they make a vote according to what they feel should be done, and I think that is what happened. I think it is insulting to say the voters look at what the Selectmen say and go with that.

Chairman Griffin: it appeared she was talking for the Rational Taxpayers.

Selectman Bridle: there was a low voter turnout last year; the comments lately they are insulting to those people who came out and voted, they spent the time to vote.

IX. Adjournment

Selectman Bridle MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 10:18PM SECONDED by Selectman Waddell.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chairman